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## Hogs & Pigs Inventory

**Iowa:** On March 1, 2011 there were 19.0 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The March 1 inventory was up 1 percent from a year ago but unchanged from December 1, 2010.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop was 4.75 million head. A total of 485,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.80 pigs per sow.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 480,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May 2011 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August 2011 period were estimated at 485,000 as of March 1, 2011.

**United States:** United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.80 for the December 2010-February 2011 period, compared to 9.61 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 5 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011, at 2.87 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2010 and down 3 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

## Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, March 1, 2010-2011

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10	2010	2011	'11 as % of '10
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois .....	480	470	98	3,820	3,930	103	4,300	4,400	102
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17,790</b>	<b>17,970</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>101</b>
Minnesota .....	550	560	102	6,550	7,040	107	7,100	7,600	107
Missouri .....	355	360	101	2,645	2,490	94	3,000	2,850	95
Nebraska .....	365	370	101	2,585	2,730	106	2,950	3,100	105
North Carolina .....	880	850	97	8,220	7,750	94	9,100	8,600	95
United States .....	5,760	5,788	100	57,808	58,176	101	63,568	63,964	101

## Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, March 1, 2010-2011

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State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois .....	1,200	1,290	1,170	1,200	760	760	690	680
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>4,540</b>	<b>4,630</b>	<b>5,460</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,460</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,220</b>
Minnesota .....	2,220	2,440	2,010	2,150	1,330	1,430	990	1,020
Missouri .....	1,180	1,080	590	580	465	410	410	420
Nebraska .....	860	910	800	820	550	575	375	425
North Carolina .....	3,030	2,850	1,950	1,830	1,740	1,620	1,500	1,450
United States .....	18,767	18,898	15,993	16,225	12,307	12,309	10,742	10,744